



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Board of Parks and Parkways held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The following were present:

Chairman Eric Richey
Vice Chairman Jean Ansbaugh
Lynne V. Brooks
Tammy K. Johnston
Irene Priess

Also Present:

Board Secretary Elora R. Sakal

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Priess moved to approve the minutes. Board member Brooks seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

3. Old Business: None.

4. New Business:

a. Yard of the Month: June Selection

Board Secretary Sakal explained that the May Yard of the Month was denied by the homeowners because they have had issues with plants being stolen from their front yard.

Board Secretary Sakal noted that the prior June Yard of the Month has been moved to May and now the Board will nominate a new June Yard of the Month. The City Clerk suggested getting permission from the homeowner before it is nominated by the Board. In speaking with Mr. Ziadie, it was agreed that the Board member could speak with the homeowner to advise them of the nomination and to receive their permission before it is nominated by the Board.

Board member Priess and Board member Brooks were not opposed to knocking on the homeowner's door.

Chair Richey asked what would happen if a Board member knocked on the door and nobody was home.

Discussion ensued regarding what could be done to get approval from the homeowner before it is nominated by the Board.

The Board suggested creating a letter to leave on the door in case they were unable to speak with the homeowner. Board Secretary Sakal said that she will speak with Mr. Ziadie to see if this suggestion is decent and if the letter should be a city letter or a personal letter from the Board member.

Board Secretary Sakal noted that this suggestion will not be implemented until September.

Chair Richey asked for all those in favor of 162 Deleon Drive being the June Yard of the Month and the motion was carried 4-0. Board member Priess abstained.

b. Yard of the Month: July Selection

Chair Richey asked for all those in favor of 300 Morningside Drive being the July Yard of the Month and the motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Richey commented that the Board will meet in June to nominate another home for the month of July.

c. Yard of the Month: August Selection

Chair Richey asked for all those in favor of 243 Miami Springs Avenue being the August Yard of the Month and by consensus the Board members agreed.

5. Other Business:

Vice Chair Ansbaugh commented that a resident contacted her stating that the church signs on Westward Drive do not look nice.

Chair Richey stated that the issue is not the business of the Board of Parks and Parkways and she should advise the resident to contact City Manager Gorland.

Chair Richey would like to place the Landscaping on Curtiss Parkway on the next agenda in June.

Discussion ensued regarding the Butterfly Garden recommendation that went to Council and the outcome.

Chair Richey commented that the Arbor Day event went very well.

Vice Chair Ansbaugh stated that she spoke with City Manager Gorland regarding the coral rock walls and he said that it was a good idea and to speak with Public Works Director Nash.

Discussion ensued in regard to fixing the coral rock walls. Board member Johnston and Board member Brooks agreed to assist in fixing the coral rock walls in Miami Springs.

Chair Richey informed the Board about his visit to the Education Advisory Board meeting.

6. Adjournment:

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elora R. Sakal
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written during meeting of: 06-13-2013

Words ~~stricken through~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes. All other words remain unchanged.

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